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SUBJECT: NOVA MAKEDONIJA ON NEGATION OF MACEDONIAN ISSUE

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1. GREEK PRESS REPORTS OF GREEK-BULGARIAN AGREEMENT "ON NON-EXISTENCE OF MACEDONIAN ISSUE" CAME UNDER FIRE IN JULY 16 NOVA MAKEDONIJA COMMENTARY. COMMENTARY INTERPRETS THIS AS IMPLIED NEGATION "OF MACEDONIAN NATION AS A WHOLE, AND OF SR MACEDONIA AS A NATIONAL STATE OF THE MACEDONIAN NATION WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF SFR YUGOSLAVIA." THIS, ADDED TO DISREGARD FOR RIGHTS OF MACEDONIAN MINORITY "IN ALL NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES", LIMITS BROADER COOPERATION AMONG BALKAN COUNTRIES. THIS COMMENTARY WAS PICKED UP IN TANJUG, SOFTENED BUT STILL CRITICAL OF REPORTED GREEK-BULGARIAN AGREEMENT AS BARRIER TO BALKAN TRUST AND COOPERATION.

2. COMMENT: NOVA MAKEDONIJA ARTICLE IS FIRST RAISING OF GREEK-MACEDONIAN QUESTION IN QUITE SOME TIME. SOURCE OF OBJECTIONABLE COMMENT WAS NOT OFFICIAL GOG STATEMENT BUT, ACCORDING TO NM, "ATHENS EVENING NEWSPAPER" (EVIDENTLY BASED ON GREEK-BULGARIAN AGREEMENT DURING CARAMANLIS VISIT TO SOFIA THAT NO MINORITY PROBLEMS
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EXISTED BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.) READINESS OF NOVA MAKEDONIJA

TO ESCALATE RESPONSE INTO CRITICISM OF TREATMENT
OF MACEDONIAN MINORITY IN GREECE IS INDICATION HOW
SENSITIVE MACEDONIAN ISSUE STILL IS.
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